**Education Development Finance Corporation**

2799. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Education Development Finance Corporation to attain the objective of making India a knowledge super power by 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any committee has been set up by Government to examine the issues related to development of education in the country;

(d) if so, the recommendations made by the committee; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Education development is a continuous process. A number of Committees/Commissions etc. have been constituted in different sectors of education from time to time. Recommendations of these Committees are generally implemented within the broad framework of the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and Programme of Action, 1992. Efficacy of the implementation and strategies adopted pursuant to the NPE has been reviewed from time to time and appropriate modifications brought about.

**Funds for primary school buildings**

2800. PROF M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and released to States for construction of primary school buildings during the last three years; till date, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many primary schools in rural areas of the country have no buildings;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Since primary school buildings are

constructed from funds made available through a number of schemes of various departments, no consolidated statement is maintained State-wise.

(b) and (c) As per the Sixth All India Educational Survey (1993), 7.61 per cent of primary schools in rural areas of the country were without buildings.

(d)The scheme of Operation Blackboard, *inter-alia,* envisages to provide at least two classrooms to all primary schools existing as on 30.9.1986. Accordingly, provision for school building construction has been made under programmes of rural development like Jawahar Rozgar Yojana/Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JRY/JGSY). So far 1.85 lakh classrooms have been constructed. Under District Primary Education Programme, 216300 school buildings and 34200 classrooms have been constructed/or are in progress, the civil works ceillay under DPEP has been increased from 24% to 33% of the project cost. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a time bound programme for achieving Universalization of Elementary Education, 33% of the funds are earmarked for construction of school buildings and other civil works. About 50% of the Additional Central Assistance for elementary education under PMGY is earmarked for construction of new school buildings, classrooms and for provision of toilets and drinking water facilities in existing schools.

**Iyer Committee recommendations on custodial justice to women prisoners**

2801. SHRI VUAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on women organised a seminar on 17th/18th May, 2001 to examine and assess the implementation of Iyer Committee's recommendations on custodial justice to women prisoners in different States;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Iyer Committee, the action taken by Government thereon and reaction of the National Commission on Women;

(c) the number of women prisoners in different States; and

(d) the changes sought to be made in the existing laws, in the light of Iyer Committee's report?